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Customer No. 30953
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice, Claims 17, 18, 19 and 20.

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REMARKS

An Office Action was received on April 23, 2002, asserting that Applicant's Amendment and Response of February 8, 2002, adds new material to the disclosure contrary to 35 U.S.C. 132, and for failing to fully respond to the prior Office action. Reconsideration of the application as amended, in light of the remarks herein, is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 16 originally were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for containing subject matter which is not sufficiently described in the specification. The specification, at page 15, lines 17 - 21 was amended to clarify the function of the slidable shut off switch. As amended, the specification clearly explained that the switch is manually slidable within one of the columns. However, the Examiner believes that the proposed amendment to the specification adds new material in violation of 35 U.S.C. 132. Therefore, Applicant has cancelled the proposed amendment and has requested substitution of language at page 15, lines 17 - 21 which simply states that the shut off switch can be pre-positioned within one of the vertical columns. This amendment finds support in the original disclosure, both in the specification and the claims, because the switch is described as "slidable". As the switch is slidable it can be positioned.

The Examiner correctly points out that Applicant did not particularly point out how the language of claim 17 distinguishes over the prior art of record within the February 8, 2002, Amendment and Response. Applicant has now cancelled claims 17 - 20, thereby making the February 8, 2002, Amendment and Response of Applicant otherwise fully responsive.

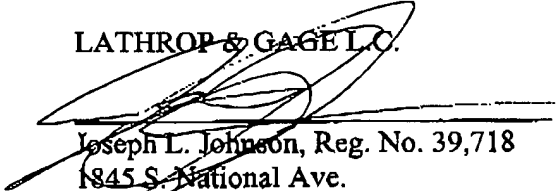
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All of the claims pending are now believed to be in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that all pending claims be allowed by the Examiner.

If the Examiner has any suggested changes, which would place the present application in condition for allowance, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Specification: Version with markings to show changes made. ✓

As shown in Figure 9 an electrical contact shut off switch 114 may be slidably mounted within at least one of the four spaced-apart U-shaped columns 32, 34, 36 and 38. When the spaced apart ramps 22 and 24 are elevated to [the] a desired vertical position, the shut off switch 114 is pre-positioned at [slid to] a point within the column 32, 34, 36 or 38 where it [touches] contacts a portion of the cross member end block 30 and is then secured [fastened] into place. When the end block 30 contacts the shut off switch during subsequent operation of the vehicle lift, the shut off switch 114 will be activated and the electric supply to hydraulic pump 10 will be interrupted.